

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-60 were originally presented for consideration in this application. No claims have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-60 are currently pending in this application.

All of the pending claims are rejected as being anticipated by, or obvious over, the Allen reference (US 2006-0064972), either alone or in combination with the Kolm or Tubel reference. Submitted herewith is a Declaration of Prior Invention Under Rule 131. The Declaration is signed by all of the present applicants and shows that these applicants conceived of the invention well before the earliest effective filing date to which the Allen reference may be entitled, and that due diligence in reducing the invention to practice was exercised from a time at least prior to the earliest effective filing date to which the Allen reference may be entitled, until filing of the present application.

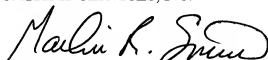
Therefore, the Allen reference is not usable in making any anticipation or obviousness rejections of the claims in the present application. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 1-60.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all of the claims pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of claims 1-60 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 516-0030 if such would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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